

TOWN MUST PAY ON 2 LIBRARIES

The Woodbury county district court Saturday ruled that any town which established a public library of its own after 1948 is not automatically exempt from paying taxes on the mobile county library.

The ruling was handed down by Judge George W. Prichard after the town of Correctionville asked for a court order to prevent the board of supervisors from collecting a 2-mill levy against the residents of the town for the public library.

The town claimed that the residents organized a library of their own last summer and that that automatically exempts them from paying into the treasury of the county library.

"The town of Correctionville has apparently made no effort to effect a withdrawal from the county library district and there is no provision of the statute that provides that the establishment of a town free public library automatically effects a withdrawal from the county library system, the judge ruled.

The amount to be collected for the year under the 2-mill levy was \$1,462.49.

The county library proposal was passed by the state's voters in 1948.

WOODBURY COUNTY LIBRARY

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December 22, 1950

Miss Elizabeth B. Hage
County Librarian
Eldridge, Iowa

Dear Miss Hage;

Thank you for your copy of County Library by laws. I took it with some other material to our last Board Meeting and insisted that a committee be appointed to try ^{to} work up something of sort for Woodbury County Library. There was little enthusiasm but think eventually something will be accomplished.

I am enclosing a clipping from the newspaper on the results of our difficulty in Corbettville as I knew you would be interested. However I doubt that it is settled and it will probably go eventually to the State Court. In the meantime we find ourselves in a rather uncomfortable situation in that community.

We are supposed to get our Bookmobile soon and am now interviewing men for clerk-driver job.

Best wishes for Christmas and New Year.

Sincerely

Agnes J. Buschick

Eldridge, Iowa
January 15, 1951

Miss Agnes J. Buskirk, Librarian
Woodbury County Library
Meville, Iowa

Dear Miss Buskirk:

Thank you very much for sending me the clipping about the decision on the town of Correctionville's objection to paying the county library levy. Very interesting, but I agree with you that it will probably not stop there.

We had a bit of bad publicity ourselves the other day when the county attorney's office gave out a decision handed down by the attorney general to the effect that a county library board could not use its tax funds for erection of a building. We feel there has been a misinterpretation of the law and are going to take it up further at the earliest opportunity.

Best wishes for 1951.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth B. Hage, Librarian
SCOTT COUNTY LIBRARY

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